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This Digest is used to transmit information pertaining to the four program components of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program: Curriculum; Individual Planning; Responsive Services; and System Support to professional school counselors, placement personnel, career and technical school counselors and administrators at all levels throughout the state.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Awards application forms and instructions for Prudential Spirit of Community Awards available to nominate students demonstrating exemplary community service. While the forms will be mailed to schools in September, you can download an application form now by going to:

<http://www.prudential.com/overview2/0%2C2155%2CintPageID%25253D8983%252526blnPrinterFriendly%25253D0%2C00.html?furl=%2Fspirit>

B. Training on cultural diversity issues in counseling scheduled

Title: "Counseling in a Multicultural Context: Adapting to a Changing World"

Location: JC Penney Conference Center, University of Missouri at St. Louis, 8001 Natural Bridge Rd. (One University Blvd.) St. Louis, MO 63121

Time: 9am - 4pm on Saturday September 23, 2006

Presenters: Outgoing ACA President Dr. Patricia Arredondo, together with Dr. Angela Coker of the University of Missouri at St. Louis, will be giving 6-hour training on cultural diversity issues in counseling, focusing especially on working with Hispanics and African Americans.

CEUs: Registration fee includes 6 CEUs through NBCC.

Cost: \$175, with steep discounts for members of ACAM, and even steeper discounts for counseling students.

For ACAM members: \$125; For members of ACAM and MSCA: \$100

For student members of ACAM: FREE for counseling students other than members of ACAM: \$25

Further Information: ACAM website at www.counselingmissouri.org has downloadable registration forms (and ACAM membership forms). Direct questions to mail@counselingmissouri.org or phone 800-622-9470.

C. PERKINS ACT REAUTHORIZED

The Perkins Act, which is the main vehicle for career and technical education, has been reauthorized. To see information about this, go to the Association for Career and Technical Education website at: <http://www.acteonline.org/> and click on the appropriate links.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

(From time to time, resources that are brought to our attention through ASCA listservs or other means that could be used as part of a guidance program will be listed here. The readers are encouraged to investigate the resources and decide whether or not they are appropriate for their programs. Listing of these resources does not constitute endorsement by either our section or DESE.)

{CURRICULUM}---Plan to attend the Fall Regional Workshop in your area to learn more about the new standards and GLE's. Forms for the workshops may be downloaded at http://dese.mo.gov/divcareer/guidance_placement_index.htm

{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}

Opportunity for students to learn about Nursing

The Alliance for the Status of Missouri Women, a statewide non-profit focused on improving the status of women and their families, has partnered with the Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor to offer students the opportunity to discover the opportunities available in the field of Nursing.

The Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor has developed GEM-Nursing, an online e-mentoring program for young women and men ages 15-21. GEM-Nursing offers young people an opportunity to communicate with nurses around the country who represent a

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wide range of nursing careers. The website also provides information about nursing in general and the benefits of working as nurse in a variety of fields.

Professional nurses are recruited as 'Group E-Mentors' from local nursing association, community colleges, universities, local hospitals, nursing homes and corporations. In fact, the Alliance for the Status of Missouri Women has joined efforts with the University of Missouri - Sinclair School of Nursing to recruit their nursing staff as Mentors.

How can your students benefit?

The Alliance for the Status of Missouri Women provides program coordination for young people ages 15-21 in their communities. While their primary focus area is Central Missouri, they can coordinate with any school district interested in informing their students and put you in touch with your local partner organization.

Throughout the year, GEM-Nursing participants ask questions on-line about nursing careers. A national GEM-Nursing listserv, administered by the University of Michigan, circulates questions nationally to professional volunteer nurses (e-mentors) through a Daily Digest. All questions and answers are available on-line to everyone. Students are expected to read responses regularly-and to ask at least one question a month. *The website also provides important information about financial aid and local nursing career events.*

How can students participate?

The Alliance for the Status of Missouri Women has partnered with the U.S. Department of Labor Women's Bureau, Region VII office in Kansas City, MO. For more information about the program or to register for this program, you can visit the GEM-Nursing website at www.gem-nursing.org or visit the Alliance for the Status of Missouri Women website at www.mowomensalliance.org. You can direct your students to contact Kerri McBee, Executive Director, Alliance for the Status of Missouri Women, at 573-874-0635 or via email at missouriasw@yahoo.com

{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}

A. KITS STILL AVAILABLE PERTAINING TO SUICIDE PREVENTION IN MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Material was distributed at a June conference about the new SOS middle school program that is being offered free to the first 1,000 schools who request them. About half of those kits are still available. With the new school year getting ready to start up, this may be something that you want to consider. You can also get content from www.mentalhealthscreening.org under youth programs.

B. HOTLINE NUMBER FOR KATRINA EVACUEES

The State of Missouri has more than 10,000 Hurricane Katrina evacuees who have not yet returned to the gulf coast. Many of these are families who have children of various ages that attend the public and private schools in our state. Parents of those children are still in need of many things such as housing, employment, transportation, food and clothing. These persons have lost their personal possessions, daily routines, social support and places of worship.

The main project is located in the St. Louis area but Katrina evacuees reside in many other parts of Missouri. . The new school year will be in session soon in most of the State and some previous problems will once again surface.

There is statewide toll-free crisis hotline for Katrina evacuees. The hotline is staffed by experienced Crisis Counselors who may be able to assist them with any problem they are currently facing. All calls are treated with the highest degree of confidentiality.

The statewide Crisis Hotline for Katrina evacuees is: 1-866-840-3940. For more information about this program, you may call John Heckemeyer, Missouri Department of Mental Health at 573-751-8087 or send him an e-mail him at: john.heckemeyer@dmh.mo.gov

C. NEW RESOURCE FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION UPCOMING EVENTS

The Department of Mental Health has begun posting information about events related to suicide prevention on its website at <http://www.dmh.mo.gov/cps/issues/suicide/calendar.htm>

{SYSTEM SUPPORT

A. SOMETHING TO SHARE WITH TEACHERS AND PARENTS IN ORDER TO:

Increase your child's motivation; Build their self-esteem; Increase their academic achievement; and develop them into strong, positive, caring adults. Visit <http://www.accentonsuccess.com/teachingmoments.asp> to learn more.

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B. CAREER TRAINING AVAILABLE ONLINE

Career Development Facilitator (CDF) training is now being offered online through Educational Training Associates, Inc. (ETA, www.etainc.com). Unlike other CDF training courses, ETA's course allows individuals to complete the majority of coursework from any location, only one three-day face-to-face session is required.

A CDF is someone professionally trained to assist students and adults with career development, planning, and management. Complete CDF training to provide an improved quality of career planning guidance and pursue professional advancement in career development.

An upcoming session has been scheduled in **Kansas City**. Check out the details, register, and view other course dates and locations in the Course Catalog at www.etainc.com. For more information, visit ETA's web site at www.eta.com.

C. INFORMATION ON USING RUBRICS

If you are interested in using rubrics to help in the evaluation of your comprehensive guidance program, or would like to share this information with teachers, a good resource on rubrics may be found at: <http://instech.tusd.k12.az.us/rubrics/generator.html>

CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS OF NOTE:

A. MSCA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE--SEPTEMBER 9-10, 2006 AT THE BEST WESTERN CAPITAL INN,

JEFFERSON CITY To see a brochure about this conference, go to <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/LDC%20Brochure.pdf>

B. TRAINING OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE :

A training on MENTAL HEALTH AND DISASTERS: A BASIC APPROACH FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2006, at St. Louis University. Registration is through the St. Louis University Learning Management System (LMS System) This is a no-cost one-day workshop designed to introduce school administrators, counselors and nurses to the unique aspects of disaster mental health in a school setting. The workshop will include information on disaster response, the potential reactions in children of different age groups, attention to children with special needs and intervention strategies to help children and adults cope. To register go to <http://www.heartlandcenters.com/Public/> and click on Register with Us on the left-hand menu bar. If you have any difficulty, please contact Christy McFarland, Heartland Centers' LMS Coordinator, by phone at 314-977-8295 or by e-mail at mcfarlc@slu.edu.

C. MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF CAREER SERVICES (MACS-FORMERLY MISSOURI PLACEMENT ASSOCIATION) FALL CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 28-29, 2006 AT THE NEW COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT IN COLUMBIA, MO.

To LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS ORGANIZATION GO TO [HTTP://WWW.MO-ACTE.ORG/](http://WWW.MO-ACTE.ORG/) OR To DOWNLOAD A COPY OF THE REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE CONFERENCE, GO TO [HTTP://MACS.MO-ACTE.ORG/DOCUMENTS/MACS06FALLREGISTRATIONFORM.PDF](http://MACS.MO-ACTE.ORG/DOCUMENTS/MACS06FALLREGISTRATIONFORM.PDF)

D. MISSOURI SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (MSCA) FALL CONFERENCE AT TAN TAR A NOV 5-7, 2006 WITH A PRE-CONFERENCE ON NOV 4.

For a conference preview go to <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/ConfPrev%200728.pdf>. To download a registration form, go to: <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/2006%20Registration%20Form.pdf>

E. BUILDING BRIDGES CONFERENCE, NOV 12-14, 2006 AT TAN TAR A.

For current information go to: <http://missouricareereducation.org/pd/conference06.html>

F. 2006 ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (ACTE) CONVENTION AND CAREER TECH EXPO, Nov. 30 - Dec. 2, 2006 at Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, Georgia.

For information and registration information, go to <http://www.acteonline.org/convention/index.cfm>